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SUBJECT: ACADEMY 250TH ANNIVERSARY: TRAVEL PLANS OF NASA
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FOR SCICOUNS

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO VERESHCHETIN INTERCOS-
MOS FROM FRUTKIN NASA:

2. "BOTH DR. FLETCHER AND DR. LOW HAVE ACCEPTED INVITA-
TIONS CONVEYED BY G. K. SKRIABIN TO ATTEND, WITH THEIR
WIVES, SOVIET ACADEMY 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. IN
CONFORMITY WITH NASA PRACTICE, BOTH WILL COVER THEIR OWN
EXPENSES. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING
OUR ASSUMPTION THAT ACADEMY IS MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS
FOR THEM IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD.

3. "ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS, DR. AND MRS. FLETCHER WILL
ARRIVE MOSCOW (VNUKOVO AIRPORT) AT 6:25 PM OCTOBER 5 VIA
SU 1768; TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD OCTOBER 10; DEPART LENINGRAD
OCTOBER 12; ARRIVE MOSCOW (VNUKOVO AIRPORT) OCTOBER 12 AT
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9:49 AM VIA SU 2432; AND DEPART MOSCOW (SHEREMETYEVO

AIRPORT) OCTOBER 12 AT 1:25 PM VIA PANAM 45. DR. AND MRS. LOW WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW OCTOBER 6 AT 5:45 PM VIA SU 256 FROM FRANKFURT, TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD OCTOBER 10, AND DEPART LENINGRAD OCTOBER 12 AT 8:10 AM VIA SU 657.

4. "WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSURING THAT AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AND, IN THE CASE OF THE FLETCHERS, BETWEEN AIRPORTS IN MOSCOW ON OCTOBER 12.

5. "FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN VOLUNTEER-ED HIS GOOD OFFICES IN ARRANGING ANY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THE FLETCHERS MIGHT WISH TO UNDERTAKE DURING THEIR VISIT TO SOVIET UNION. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE INFORMED SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT, IF LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN CONVENIENTLY BE MADE FOR THEM, THE FLETCHERS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT KIEV, ARRIVING OCTOBER 3 AND DEPARTING FOR MOSCOW OCTOBER 5. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED SEVERAL POINTS OF INTEREST IN MOSCOW (KREMLIN, BOLSHOI BALLET) AND LENINGRAD (PETER-PAUL FORTRESS, SUMMER PALACE) AS WELL AS ANY FOLK SONG AND FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCE THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR WASHINGTON EMBASSY IS IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE ACADEMY ON THESE POSSIBILITIES." KISSINGER

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